Michigan Department of Treasury

496 (Rev.06/08) Auditing Procedures Report

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Unit Name Austin Township	County Sanilac	Type TOWNShip	MuniCode 76-1-020
Opinion Date 6/13/08	Audit Submitted 6-16-0	Fiscal Year	3/31/08

If a local unit of government (authorities & commissions included) is operating within the boundaries of the audited entity and is NOT included in this or any other audit report, nor do they obtain a stand-alone audit, enclose the name(s), address(es), and a description(s) of the authority and/or commission.

Plac		check next to each "Yes" or non-applicable question below. Questions lett unmarked should be those you wish to answer						
X	1. rep	Are all required component units/funds/agencies of the local unit included in the financial statements and/or disclosed in the porting entity notes to the financial statements?						
X	2. Does the local unit have a positive fund balance in all of its unreserved fund balances/unrestricted net assets?							
X	3. Were the local unit's actual expenditures within the amounts authorized in the budget?							
X	4.	Is this unit in compliance with the Uniform Chart of Accounts issued by the Department of Treasury?						
X	5.	Did the local unit adopt a budget for all required funds?						
X	6.	Was a public hearing on the budget held in accordance with State statute?						
X	7. and	Is the local unit in compliance with the Revised Municipal Finance Act, an order issued under the Emergency Municipal Loan Act, do ther guidance as issued by the Local Audit and Finance Division?						
X		Has the local unit distributed tax revenues, that were collected for another taxing unit, timely as required by the general operty tax act?						
X	9.	Do all deposits/investments comply with statutory requirements including the adoption of an investment policy?						
X		. Is the local unit free of illegal or unauthorized expenditures that came to your attention as defined in the Bulletin for Audits of cal Units of Government in Michigan, as revised (see Appendix H of Bulletin.)						
X	be	. Is the unit free of any indications of fraud or illegal acts that came to your attention during the course of audit that have not en previously communicated to the Local Audit and Finance Division? (If there is such activity, please submit a separate report der separate cover.)						
V	12	. Is the local unit free of repeated reported deficiencies from previous years?						
父	13	. Is the audit opinion unqualified? 14. If not, what type of opinion is it? NA						
X	15.	Has the local unit complied with GASB 34 and other generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP)?						
	16.	Has the board or council approved all disbursements prior to payment as required by charter or statute?						
ſΧ.	17	. To your knowledge, were the bank reconciliations that were reviewed performed timely?						
X		. Are there reported deficiencies? Y 19. If so, was it attached to the audit report?						
	Ger	neral Fund Revenue: 70,577 General Fund Balance: 72,270						

General Fund Revenue:	76,577
General Fund Expenditure:	57,120
Major Fund Deficit Amount:	\$ 0.00

General Fund Balance:	72,270
Governmental Activities Long-Term Debt (see instructions):	NA

We affirm that we are certified public accountants (CPA) licensed to practice in Michigan. We further affirm the above responses have been disclosed in the financial statements, including the notes, or in the Management Letter (Reported deviations).

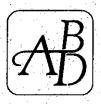
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TOWNSHIP OF AUSTIN,SANILAC COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Report of Financial Statements March 31, 2008

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S

Township of Austin Sanilac County, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Township of Austin as of and for the year ended March 31, 2008, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township of Austin management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Township of Austin as of March 31, 2008, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As described in Note 1, the Township has implemented a new financial reporting model as required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – For State and Local Governments as of March 31, 2008.

The management's discussion and analysis budgetary comparison information on pages i through vii and 14-15 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

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Our audit conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Township of Austin's basic financial statements. The supplemental financial information listed in the Table of Contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of Austin Township. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

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ANDERSON, TUCKEY, BERNHARDT & DORAN, P.C. CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

As management of the Township of Austin, we offer readers of the Township of Austin financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Township for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008.

This reporting model was adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in their Statement No. 34 Basic Financial Statements – and Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) – for State and Local Governments issued in June of 2000. Certain comparative information between the current year and the prior year is required to be presented in the MD&A. However, because this is the first year of implementing the new reporting model, certain necessary comparative information of the previous year was not prepared. Considering the financial resources necessary to prepare this information for the prior year, and that the GASB Statement No. 34 permits the omission of the comparative information in the first year of adoption of the new reporting model, the Township has elected to exclude the comparative information. We expect this situation to continue because small townships are only required to have an audit every other year.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- ➤ The assets of the Township exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by approximately \$127,833 (net assets). Of this amount, approximately \$72,270 (unrestricted net assets) may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The government's total net assets increased by approximately \$25,760.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Township's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of approximately \$126,764, an increase of \$26,565 in comparison with the prior year.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance for the general fund was approximately \$72,270, or 127 percent of total general fund expenditures.

OVERVIEW OF THE FIANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Township's basic financial statements. The Township's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary and additional information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide financial statements. The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Township's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The statement of net assets presents information on all of the Township's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Township is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the government's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., delinquent personal property taxes).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the Township that are principally supported by taxes, special assessments and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their cost through user fees and charges (business-type activities). The governmental activities of the Township include general government, public safety, public works, health and welfare, community and economic development, culture and recreational, and other functions.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 1 and 2 of this report.

Fund financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Township, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Township can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary funds.

Governmental funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The Township maintains several individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the general fund, which is considered to be a major

fund. Data from the other governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregate presentation. Individual fund data for each of these nonmajor governmental funds is elsewhere in this report.

The Township adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund and special revenue funds. Budgetary comparison statements have been provided for the general fund in the required supplementary information and for the special revenue funds in additional information to demonstrate compliance with budgets.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 3 through 5 of this report.

Fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the Township's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds.

The basic fiduciary fund financial statements can be found on page 6 of this report.

Notes to the financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 7 through 13 of this report.

Other information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the Township's general fund and revenue budget. Required supplementary information can be found on pages 14 through 15 of this report.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of government's financial position. In the case of the Township, assets exceeded liabilities by \$127,833 at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

A portion of the Township's assets (1 percent) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, building, machinery, infrastructure, and equipment), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The Township uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the Township's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the Township does not have any outstanding debt.)

Township of Austin's Net Assets

	Governmental activities			
	2008			
Current and other assets	\$	126,764		
Capital assets		1,069		
Total assets	\$	127,833		
Current liabilities				
Net assets:				
Invested in capital assets	\$	1,069		
Restricted		54,494		
Unrestriced		72,270		
Total net assets	\$	127,833		

An additional portion of the Township's net assets (43 percent) represents resources that are subject to internal restriction on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net assets (\$72,270) may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the Township is able to report positive balances.

The government's net assets increased by \$25,760 during the current fiscal year. The majority of this increase represents the degree in which increases in ongoing revenues have outstripped similar increases in ongoing expenditures.

Governmental activities. Governmental activities increased the Township's net assets by approximately \$26,565. Key elements of this increase are as follows:

Township of Austin's Changes in Net Assets

	Governmental activities 2008		
Revenues:			
Program revenues:	\$	510	
Charges for services			
General reveneus:			
Property Taxes:			
Levied for general purposes		76,077	
Fire and ambulance levy			
State sources		47,163	
Other		3,849	
Total revenues		127,599	
Expenses: General government Public safety Public works Legislative		32,411 16,611 48,852 2,490	
Cultural and recreational		670	
Other functions		070	
Depreciation		805	
Total expenses		101,839	
Increase in net assets		25,760	
Net assets, beginning of year		102,073	
Net assets, end of year	\$	127,833	

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

As noted earlier, the Township uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental funds. The focus of the Township's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Township's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the Township's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balance of \$126,764, an increase of \$26,565 in comparison with the prior year. Approximately 57 percent of this total amount (\$126,764) constitutes unreserved fund balance, which is available for spending at the government's discretion.

The general fund is the chief operating fund of the Township. At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved and undesignated fund balance of the general fund was \$72,270. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unreserved fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unreserved and undesignated fund balance represents 127 percent of total general fund expenditures, and total fund balance represents the same percent of that amount.

The fund balance of the Township's general fund increased by \$26,565 during the current fiscal year. The key factors in this increase are as follows:

- > Decrease in road maintenance and repairs expenditures.
- Due to the continued economic downturn the Township departments were very conservative when making purchases. This was also an important factor in the increase in the general fund net assets.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The final amended budget was changed from the original budget, and the major fluctuations can be summarized as follows:

- ▶ \$6,130 increase in intergovernmental revenues
- ➤ \$6,190 decrease in other general government expenditures
- > \$5,463 decrease in public works

The main reason for the changes resulted from reallocating expenses across the different governmental activities. During the year, budgetary estimates for expenditures were more than actually incurred.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital assets. The Township's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business type activities as of March 31, 2008 amounts to \$1,069 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes machinery and equipment, and office equipment and furniture.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

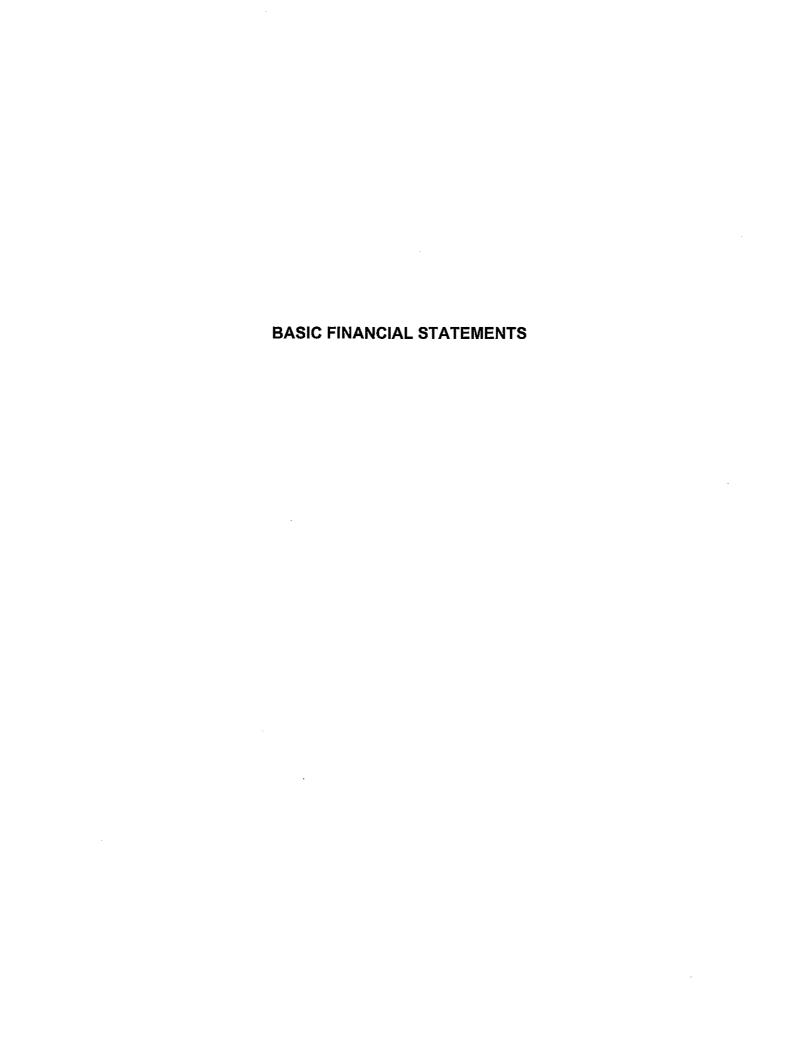
Township of Austin's goal is to continually look for the most efficient and effective methods to maintain and enhance the services that are provided to the public. The Township has a conservative and financially prudent budget for the fiscal year 2008 that also promotes and funds numerous project objectives.

The Township has deliberately made conservative estimates concerning state revenue sharing for fiscal year 2008 due to the budget constraints at the State level. It has also estimated investment earnings conservatively anticipating a slow increase in interest rates.

There were no rate increases estimated for fiscal year 2008.

Request for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Township's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or request for additional financial information should be addressed to the Township Clerk's Office, Tammy Morell, 2700 Cumber Road, Ubly, MI 48475



STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS MARCH 31, 2008

ASSETS	Governmental Activities		
CURRENT ASSETS Cash	\$	54,022	
Due from other funds		72,742	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		126,764	
CAPITAL ASSETS Land		_	
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation		1,069	
TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS		1,069	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	127,833	
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities Accounts payable			
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>.</u>	
NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets	\$	1,069	
Restricted		54,494	
Unrestricted		72,270	
TOTAL NET ASSETS		127,833	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$	127,833	

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES MARCH 31, 2008

Functions/programs		Program r	evenues	Net (expense) revenue and changes in net assets		
	Expenses	Charges for services		Total governmental activities		
Primary government				•		
Governmental activities Legislative General government Public safety Public works Recreation and Culture Depreciation	\$ 2,490 32,411 16,611 48,852 670 805	\$	510 - - - - -	\$	(2,490) (31,901) (16,611) (48,852) (670) (805)	
Total governmental activities	\$ 101,839	\$	510	\$	(101,329)	
General revenues Taxes Intergovernmental Other revenues and refunds					76,077 47,163 3,849	
Total general revenues					127,089	
Changes in net assets					25,760	
Net assets, beginning of year					102,073	
Net assets, end of year				\$	127,833	

AUSTIN TOWNSHIP, SANILAC COUNTY

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET -GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES March 31, 2008

	GENERAL ROAD FUND FUND		TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS		
ASSETS Cash Due from other funds	\$ 49,989 22,281	\$	4,033 50,461	\$	54,022 72,742
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 72,270	<u>\$</u>	54,494	\$	126,764
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY LIABILITIES: Accounts payable TOTAL LIABILITIES FUND EQUITY: Fund Balance Undesignated TOTAL FUND EQUITY TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	\$ 72,270 72,270 72,270	\$ 	54,494 54,494 54,494	<u>\$</u>	126,764 126,764 126,764
Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds				\$	126,764
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the state net assets are different because: Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and are not reported in the funds	of				
The cost of the capital assets is: Accumulated depreciation is:	•				4,023 (2,954)
Net Assets of Governmental Activities				\$	127,833

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - All Governmental Fund Types For the Year Ended March 31, 2008

	MAJOR FUNDS		TOTALS GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS		
	GENERAL FUND	ROAD FUND	MARCH 31, 2008		
REVENUES:					
Taxes	\$ 25,105	\$50,972	\$ 76,0)77	
Intergovernmental	47,163	-	47 ,1	163	
Charges for services	510	-	5	510	
Other revenues and refunds	3,799	50	3,8	349	
TOTAL REVENUES	76,577	51,022	127,5	599_	
EXPENDITURES:					
Legislative	2,490	-	2,4	190	
General government	32,411	=	32,4	111	
Public safety	16,611		16,6	311	
Public works	4,938	43,914	48,8	352	
Recreation and Culture	670		6	370	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	57,120	43,914	101,0)34_	
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	19,457	7,108	26,5	665	
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING OF YEAR	52,813	47,386	100,1	99_	
FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR	\$ 72,270	\$54,494	\$ 126,7	<u>′64</u>	

AUSTIN TOWNSHIP, SANILAC COUNTY

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$26,565
Governmental funds report capital outlay as expenditures in the statement of activities. These costs are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation: Depreciation expense Capital outlay	(805)
Change in net assets of governmental activities	\$25,760

AUSTIN TOWNSHIP, SANILAC COUNTY

FIDUCIARY FUND STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES March 31, 2008

	TRUST AND AGENCY
ASSETS Cash Taxes receivable	\$ 65,112 45,889
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 111,001</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Due to other funds Due to other governmental units	\$ 72,742 38,259
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 111,001</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements March 31, 2008

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

DESCRIPTION OF TOWNSHIP OPERATIONS AND FUND TYPES:

The Township covers an area of approximately 36 square miles within Huron County. The township operates under an elected Board and provides services to its more than 2,700 residents in many areas including law enforcement, administration of justice, community enrichment, development and human services.

The financial statements of Austin Township have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the government's accounting policies are described below.

A. ADOPTION OF NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS:

During the fiscal period 2007-2008, the Township adopted GASB Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments, issue June 1999; GASB Statement 37, Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments Omnibus, an amendment to GASB Statement No 21 and No. 34, issued June 2001, and in GASB Statement No. 38, Certain Financial Statement Note Disclosures, issued in 2001. These statements require the Township to prepare a Management's Discussion and Analysis, government-wide financial statements on an accrual basis, and make some changes to the footnotes.

The following table shows beginning net assets related for the effects of implementation of GASB Statement No. 34:

Fund balance at March 31, 2007 – governmental funds

Net capital assets (restated)

Restated net assets – April 1, 2007

\$100,199

1,874

\$102,073

B. **REPORTING ENTITY:**

In evaluating how to define the government, for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision whether to include a potential component unit in the reporting entity was made by applying the criteria set forth in GAAP. The basic – but not the only – criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is the governing body's ability to exercise oversight responsibility. The most significant manifestation of this ability is financial interdependency. Other manifestations of the ability to exercise oversight responsibility include, but are not limited to, the selection of governing authority, the designation of management, the ability to significantly influence operations, and accountability for fiscal matters. A second criterion used in evaluating potential component units is the scope of public service. Application of this criterion involves considering whether the activity benefits the government and/or its citizens, or whether the activity is conducted within the geographic boundaries of the government and is generally available to its citizens. A third criterion used to evaluate potential component units for inclusion or exclusion from the reporting entity is the existence of special financing relationships, regardless of whether the government is able to exercise oversight responsibilities.

Based upon the application of these criteria, the financial statements of the Township of Austin, Sanilac County include the accounts of all Township operations. The Township's major operations include fire protection, road maintenance, and general administrative services. The Township has no oversight responsibility for any other governmental entity since no other entities are considered to be controlled by or dependent on the Township.

Notes to the Financial Statements March 31, 2008

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued):

C. GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINACIAL STATEMENTS:

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities are supported by taxes, special assessments and intergovernmental revenues.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

The government uses funds and account groups to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain governmental functions or activities.

D. MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION:

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is current, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, are recorded only when payment is due.

Franchise fees, licenses, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal year. Only the portion of special assessments receivable due within the current fiscal period is considered to be susceptible to accrual as revenue of the current periods. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

The government reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the government's primary operating fund. It accounts for all the financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The Road Fund is a special revenue fund. It is used to account for the Township's road tax levy.

Notes to the Financial Statements March 31, 2008

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued):

D. <u>MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTNG AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued):</u> Also, the government reports as fiduciary funds, the tax collection fund (agency fund).

Also, the government reports as inducially funds, the tax collection fund (agency fund).

The agency fund is utilized to account for the Township's collection of taxes for other governmental units.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in the government-wide financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The government has elected not to follow subsequent private-sector guidance.

As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions and 3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments and the public safely millage. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the government's policy to use restricted resources first, the unrestricted resources, as they are needed.

E. ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS:

Cash and Investments

Cash includes amounts in petty cash and demand deposits. Investments included instruments allowed by state statute subsequently described. Investments are carried at amortized cost or fair value. The Township's deposits and investments are in accordance with statutory authority.

State statutes authorize the Township to invest in bonds, securities, and other direct and certain indirect obligations of the U.S. Treasury, which include securities issued or guaranteed by the Government National Mortgage Association; certificates of deposit, savings accounts, deposit accounts, or depository receipts of a bank, savings and loan association, or credit union, which is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, or National Credit Union Administration, respectively; and in commercial paper rated at the time of purchase within the three highest classifications established by not less than two standard rating services and which matures not more than 270 days after the date of purchase and not totaling more than 40% of any fund at any time. The Township is also authorized to invest in U.S. Government or federal agency obligation repurchase agreements, bankers' acceptances of U.S. banks, and mutual funds composed of investments as outlined above.

2. Short-Term Interfund Receivables/Payables

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds for goods provided or services rendered. These receivables and payables are classified as "due from other funds" or "due to other funds" on the balance sheet.

3. Receivables

Receivables consist primarily of amounts for taxes and customer charges. No allowance for doubtful accounts is considered necessary and credit risk is minimal because of the large number of customers and the authority of the Township to add receivables to the tax rolls which are secured by the underlying property.

Notes to the Financial Statements March 31, 2008

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued):

E. ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS (Continued):

4. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items) are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$500 and an estimated life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

Interest incurred during the construction of capital assets of business-type activities is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed. During the current year, no interest expense was capitalized as part of the cost of assets under construction.

Property, plant, and equipment is depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Buildings 40-60 years
Office Equipment 5-7 years
Computer Equipment 3-7 years

5. Interfund Transactions

Quasi-external transactions are accounted for as revenues, expenditures or expenses. Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures/expenses initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund, are recorded as expenditures/expenses in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures/expenses in the fund that is reimbursed.

All other interfund transactions, except quasi-external transactions and reimbursements, are reported as transfers. Non-reoccurring or nonroutine permanent transfers of equity are reported as residual equity transfers. All other interfund transfers are reported as operating transfers.

6. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

7. Fund Equity

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

Notes to the Financial Statements March 31, 2008

NOTE 2 – CAPITAL ASSETS:

A summary of changes in the Township's capital assets follows:

Assets not being depreciated - land	alance il 1, 2007 -	A	dditions	Deletions	Ma	alance arch 31, 2008
Other capital assets: Buildings Machinery and equipment	\$ 45,000 4,373				\$	45,000 4,373
Subtotal	49,373		-	_		49,373
Accumulated depreciation: Buildings Machinery and equipment	45,000 2,499	_\$	805			45,000 3,304
Subtotal	47,499		805	-		48,304
Net other capital assets	1,874		805		:	1,069
Net capital assets	\$ 1,874	\$	805	\$ -	\$	1,069

Depreciation for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008 amounted to \$805. The Township determined that it was impractical to allocate depreciation to the various governmental activities as the assets serve multiple functions.

NOTE 3 - CASH:

Cash is held separately by each of the Township's funds.

DEPOSITS:

At year-end, the carrying amount of the Township's deposits was \$119,134 and the bank balance was \$131,601, \$100,000 of which was covered by federal depository insurance.

Deposits are carried at cost. Deposits of the Township are at banks in the name of the Township Treasurer.

The U.S. Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements No. 3 risk disclosures for cash deposits are as follows:

Notes to the Financial Statements
March 31, 2008

NOTE 3 - CASH (Continued):

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	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	
	<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash – checking	<u>\$65,112</u>	<u>\$54,022</u>	
TOTAL	\$65.112	\$54.022	

All deposits are uncollateralized and insured.

INVESTMENTS:

The Township has no investments; therefore, additional disclosures required by GASB 40 are not included in the accompanying financial statements.

NOTE 4 - LEGAL COMPLIANCE - BUDGETS:

The Township follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements.

- 1. Budgetary procedures are established pursuant to Act 621 PA 1978, as amended, which requires the Township Board to approve a budget for the Township. Pursuant to the act, the Township supervisor prepares and submits a proposed operating budget. This operating budget includes projected expenditures and the means of financing them.
- 2. A public hearing is conducted to obtain taxpavers comments.
- 3. The budget is legally enacted through passage of a resolution.
- 4. The Board of Trustees must approve any revisions of the budget.
- 5. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the general fund and special revenue funds.
- 6. Budgets for general and special revenue funds are adopted on a basis consistent with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended by the Board of Trustees during the fiscal year. Individual amendments were not material in relation to the original appropriations that were amended.
- 7. The budget is prepared by fund and function and includes information on the past year, current year estimates and requested appropriations for the next fiscal year. Expenditures may not exceed budget at the function level.

NOTE 5 - PROPERTY TAX REVENUE:

Property taxes become an enforceable lien on the property as of December 1. Taxes are levied on December 1 and are due in February of the following year. The Township bills and collects its own property taxes and also taxes for the county, intermediate school district and school districts. All tax collections are accounted for in the tax collection fund, an agency fund. Township tax revenues are recognized in the fiscal year that includes the December 1 levy date. In addition, the Township collected the State Education Tax and the County Tax that was levied July 1 and due September 15.

Notes to the Financial Statements March 31, 2008

NOTE 6 - RISK MANAGEMENT:

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and natural disasters. The Township carries commercial insurance to cover any losses that may result from the above-described activities. For insured programs, there has been no significant reduction in insurance coverage. Settlement amounts have not exceeded insurance coverage for the current year or the three prior years.

NOTE 7 – PENSION PLAN:

The Township contributes to a defined contribution pension plan through John Hancock Life Insurance. The plan covers all elected officials. The Township contributes 12.4% of wages annually. The amount paid during the year ended March 31, 2008 was \$3,122.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - General Fund
For the Year Ended March 31, 2008

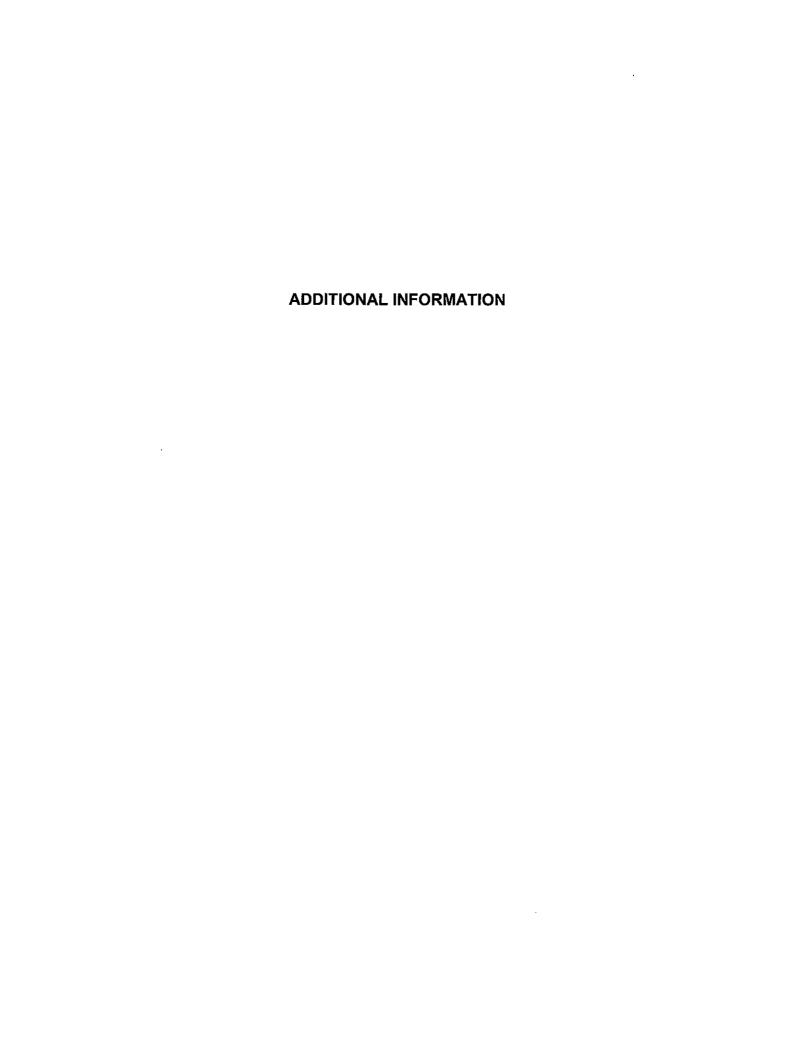
	GENERAL FUND				
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE- FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)	
REVENUES:					
Taxes					
Property taxes	\$ 15,410	\$ 17,781	\$ 19,299	\$ 1,518	
In lieu of tax	500	360	360	-	
Tax administration fees	5,263	5,263	5, 44 6	183	
Intergovernmental	46,500	52,630	47,163	(5,467)	
Charges for services					
Zoning fees	1,200	1,200	350	(850)	
Land division fees	200	200	160	(40)	
Ditch cleanouts	1,000	1,000	_	(1,000)	
Other revenues and refunds	,	·		(, ,	
Fire reimbursements	2,500	2,500	475	(2,025)	
Interest	400	400	394	(6)	
Commissions, refunds, and misc. tax	2,280	880	624	(256)	
Miscellaneous	4,300	2,500	2,306	(194)	
TOTAL REVENUES	79,553	84,714	76,577	(8,137)	
EXPENDITURES:					
Legislative	2,600	2,600	2,490	110	
General government		-,	_,	(,,,	
Supervisor	3,300	3,300	3,300	_	
Assessor	3,300	3,300	3,300	<u>.</u>	
Treasurer	5,100	5,100	5,100	<u>.</u>	
Clerk	4,200	4,200	4,200		
Finance and tax administration	1,100	1,000	922	78	
Building and grounds	1,500	1,500	817	683	
All other general government	19,695	13,505	14,772	(1,267)	
Public safety	19,030	10,000	14,772	(1,201)	
Police and Ambulance	4,038	4,038	4,038	=	
Fire protection	9,875	9,600	9,400	200	
Building inspection, zoning, other public safety	2,618	3,525	3,173	352	
Public works	·	•	•		
Streets and roads		-	-	-	
Drains at large	10,400	4,937	4,938	(1)	
Sanitation and sewerage	-	-	-	-	
Recreation and Culture					
Other functions - Current services	750	670	670	-	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	68,476	57,275	57,120	155	
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER)					
EXPENDITURES	11,077	27,439	19,457	(7,982)	
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING OF YEAR	52,813	52,813	52,813		
FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR	\$ 63,890	\$ 80,252	\$ 72,270	\$ (7,982)	

See the accompanying notes

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - Special Revenue Fund-Road Fund For the Year Ended March 31, 2008

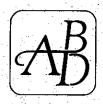
	ROAD FUND				
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE- FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)	
REVENUES:					
Taxes	e 40.040	e 40.000	Ф БО 070	Φ 0.470	
Property taxes In lieu of tax	\$ 46,616	\$ 48,800	\$ 50,972	\$ 2,172	
Tax administration fees					
Other revenues and refunds					
Fire reimbursements					
Interest	50	65	50	(15)	
Commissions, refunds, and misc. tax					
Miscellaneous					
TOTAL REVENUES	46,666	48,865	51,022	2,157	
EXPENDITURES:					
Public works					
Streets and roads	40,100	42,247	42,247	-	
Drains at large	2,000	3,328	1,667	1,661	
Sanitation and sewerage					
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	42,100	45,575	43,914	1,661	
TYOTOO OF DEVENUES OVER (UNDER)					
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	4,566	3,290	7,108	3,818	
EXPENDITORES	4,500	3,290	1,100	3,010	
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING OF YEAR	47,386	47,386	47,386		
FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR	\$ 51,952	\$ 50,676	\$ 54,494	\$ 3,818	

See the accompanying notes



Schedule of Changes in Assets and Liabilities All Agency Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2008

	CURRENT TAX COLLECTION FUND			
	BALANCE MARCH 31, 2007 ADDITIONS DEDUCTIONS	BALANCE MARCH 31, 2008		
ASSETS Cash in Bank Taxes Receivable	\$ 65,112 \$ 3,513	\$ 65,112 45,889		
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 3,513</u>	\$ 111,001		
<u>LIABILITIES</u>				
Due to other funds Due to other Governmental Units	\$ 3,513 \$ 3,513 \$ 72,742 425,417 463,676	\$ 72,742 38,259		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 3,513</u> \$ 428,930 \$ 536,418	\$ 111,001		



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June 11, 2008

To the Members of the Board Township of Austin

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Township of Austin for the year ended March 31, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated June 11, 2008. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

Our Responsibility under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards

As stated in our engagement letter dated May 7, 2008, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to express opinions about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.

Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

We performed the audit according to the planned scope and timing previously communicated to you in our meeting about planning matters on May 14, 2008.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by the Township of Austin are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Township of Austin changed its accounting policies related to full accrual financial statements by adopting Statement of Governmental Accounting Standards (GASB Statement) No. 34, in 2008. Accordingly, the cumulative effect of the accounting change as of the beginning of the year is reported in Note 1. We noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. There are no significant transactions that have been recognized in the financial statements in a different period than when the transaction occurred.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

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Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated June 11, 2008.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the governmental unit's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

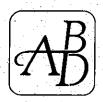
We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the governmental unit's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Members of the Board and management of the Township of Austin and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

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June 11, 2008

Members of the Board Township of Austin

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Township of Austin as of and for the year ended March 31, 2008, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Township's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Township's internal control. During the course of our audit, we observed the following significant deficiency:

Financial Statements

After considering the qualifications of the accounting personnel of the Township of Austin, we believe that the personnel have the abilities to maintain the day-to-day bookkeeping of the Township, but they do not have the qualifications and abilities to generate financial statements, including the required footnotes, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the Township's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting and internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described above and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses.

The following comments relate to certain of the Township's accounting, financial and administrative policies and procedures that we observed during the course of our audit. These matters are not considered control deficiencies or material weaknesses as defined by professional standards.

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Current Year Comments

Segregation of Duties

Due to the limited number of people, many critical duties are combined and given to the available employees. To the extent possible, duties should be segregated to serve as a check and balance and to maintain the best control system possible. We recommend the Township segregate duties whenever possible.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the governmental unit and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to the Township of Austin and look forward each year to continuing our relationship. The cooperation extended to us by your staff throughout the audit was greatly appreciated. Should you wish to discuss any item included in this letter further, we would be happy to do so.

Very truly yours,

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